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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 11-May-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/11/02	05/04/02
BRO-FRY	164,340	163,741
LT HENS	2,103	2,123
HVY HENS	1,325	1.422

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 27-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
LAST WEEK	NOT	AVAILABLE	
SAME WK YR AGO			
TO DATE 2002			
TO DATE 2001			
® Revised			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
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HEAD		
LAST WEEK		
SAME WK YR AGO	NOT	AVAILABLE
TO DATE 2002		
TO DATE 2001		

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 04-May-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,800 (A)	1,946	1,543	3,489
AVG WT	5.05	3.54	7.94	5.49
LAST WEEK	157,688	1,948	1,368	3,316
SAME WEEK YR AGO	157,022	1,754	1,400	3,154
AVG WT	5.02	3.38	7.73	5.31
TO-DATE/2002	2,761,011	33,033	23,676	56,709
TO-DATE/2001	2,707,786	33,259	23,811	57,070

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.7 million head or 0.1 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 27, 2002**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	29,394	27,747	48,249
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.79	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	26%	46%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	36,403	24,662	45,954
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.80	5.98
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	23%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	35,934	21,465	49,248
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.71	6.01
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	20%	46%
TO DATE/2002	519,079	401,277	795,710
TO DATE/2001	551,641	440,369	752,879

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-May-02  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
AVG WT	16.34	34.97	25.09	27.32	27.06
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,950	2,719	67	10	4,746
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
AVG WT	16.27	35.76	25.40	28.43	27.23
TO-DATE/2002	32,057	46,966	780	130	79,933
TO-DATE/2001	35,151	47,343	686	267	83,447

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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